Minutes State Board of Education Special Meeting Monday, January 31, 2005

The Arizona State Board of Education held a Special Meeting at the Arizona Department of Education, 1535 West Jefferson, Phoenix, AZ 85007. The meeting was called to order at 9:00AM.

Members Present:

Mr. Jesse Ary, via telephone

Ms. Nadine Mathis-Basha, via telephone

Dr. Matthew Diethelm, President

Ms. JoAnne Hilde, Vice President, via telephone

Superintendent Tom Horne

Ms. Anita Mendoza, via telephone

Dr. Karen Nicodemus, via telephone

Ms. Cecilia Owen, via telephone

Dr. John Pedicone, via telephone

Members Absent

Dr. Michael Crow Ms. Joanne Kramer

1. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no requests received at this time.

2. Consideration to Approve the List of Authorized Alternative Tutoring Providers for The High School AIMS Tutoring Program.

Ms. Margaret Garcia Dugan, Associate Superintendent of Academic Achievement, Arizona Department of Education, presented the background information noting that an RFP was issued and six alternative service providers have been selected for the Arizona High School Tutoring Program. Ms. Garcia Dugan noted that tutoring services cannot be delivered in a private residency.

(Please see complete materials in packet).

Further discussion ensued with clarifications being made in the following areas:

- The parent has the choice of whether their child is to be tutored and the provider of that tutoring;
- Each student's progress will be evaluated;
- Programs and/or tutors not making progress will be discontinued;
- Tutoring may be a combination of face-to-face and online;
- The concepts/strands that the student needs help in are noted on the student's attendance log;
- Providers will get student records including AIMS results from the districts and provide intervention in these areas;
- Students and/or parents may authorize districts to collect data, including SAT9 results, to be added to the student's information for the providers;
- Tutors will be available in high need areas around the state;
- This round ends in April 2005 and if there are remaining funds, a second RFP will be issued and districts may re-apply, encumber the funds and continue the program;

- Other providers may wish to apply if this round is successful;
- The information packet is being produced in English and Spanish;
- Parents are not expected to be subjected to high pressure sales from the providers for extended services; and
- The County School Superintendents will be included in the Department's contact list to receive information.

Motion by Superintendent Horne to approve the list of alternative tutoring providers for the High School AIMS Tutoring Program:

- Tucson Youth Development
- Mind Over Matter
- Education 2020
- Brainfuse
- AIMs High Education Services
- A to Z In-Home Tutoring

Seconded by Ms. Hidle. Motion passes.

3. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 9:25AM.